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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1956

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State as 30th June, 1956 -

Males - 348,967

Females - 328,422

Persons - 677,389

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1956 -

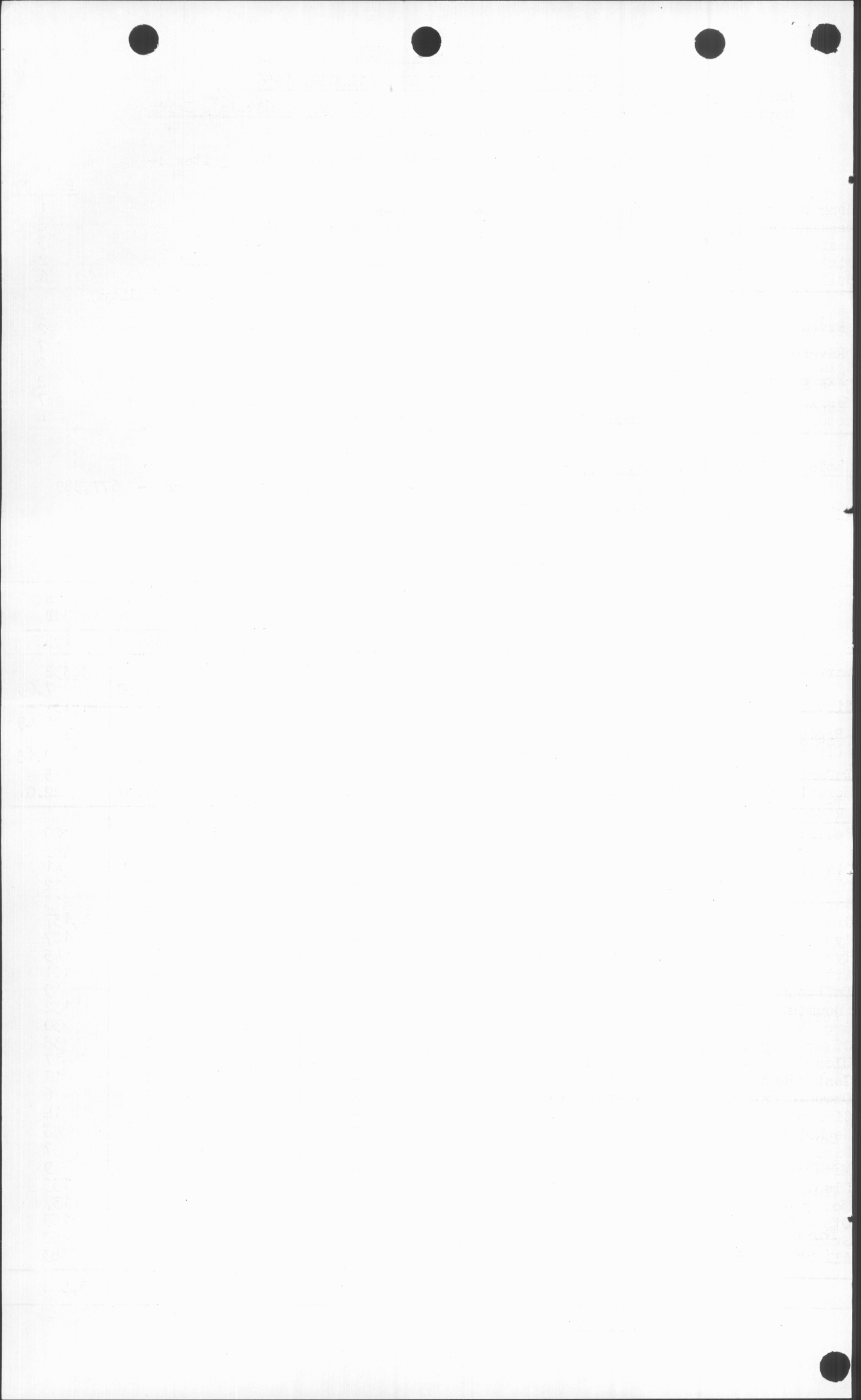
Persons - 369,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	333	306	3,375	3,332
* Rate per 1000 of Population	5.79	5.45	7.50	7.63
Births - Number	1,474	1,619	11,546	11,131
* Rate per 1000 of Population	25.63	28.83	25.66	25.49
Deaths - Number	558	557	3,756	3,572
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.70	9.92	8.35	8.18
Infant - Number	37	27	264	245
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	25.10	16.68	22.87	22.01
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH				
Tuberculosis	7	5	27	20
Malignant neoplasms	57	77	523	483
Diabetes mellitus	5	6	42	41
Diseases of blood, etc.	3	2	9	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	84	70	483	413
Diseases of the heart	192	185	1,151	1,137
Hypertension with heart disease	14	10	94	107
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	7	8	44	45
Arteriosclerosis	11	27	103	101
Influenza	4	5	7	9
Pneumonia	32	18	148	132
Bronchitis	6	5	37	30
Other respiratory disease	8	3	48	38
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	3	25	17
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	1	11	16
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	1	5	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	-	2	17	14
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	10	51	45
Disease of the prostate	5	5	43	37
Maternal causes	-	1	5	9
Disease of early infancy	22	11	155	135
Motor vehicle accidents	11	13	124	137
Other accidents	21	18	162	155
Suicide	7	6	63	50
All other causes	51	65	379	383
Total:	558	557	3,756	3,572

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.





# LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September, 1956, totalled 598,390 acres, an increase of 109,077 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,528,527 acres, a decrease of 2,991,478.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,011,640	3,699,207	12,152,087	10,752,298
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 17. 11	5. 11. 7	17. 17. 11	16. 5. 2
Expenditure	4,347,629	4,261,628	13,962,208	12,294,406
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 7. 10	6. 8. 6	20. 11. 4	18. 11. 10

## SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of September, 1956, amounted to £60,519,121 or £88.17.4 per head of population as against £54,573,606 or £82.3.7 per head at the end of September, 1955.

## BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for four weeks ended 26th September, 1956, amounted to £15,236,307 compared with £13,025,764 for the corresponding period last year.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
Transfers	No.	1,284	1,858	4,255	5,486
	£.	1,744,585	2,331,935	6,079,802	7,346,061
Mortgages	No.	967	1,192	3,068	3,567
	£.	1,842,065	2,209,632	5,722,334	7,262,917
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	737	934	2,448	2,643

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
September, 1956	2,715,246	1,646,666	8,504,708	497,728
September, 1955	3,219,375	2,118,791	9,339,424	495,848
Three Months ended September, 1956	9,276,934	5,829,580	27,152,921	1,292,475
Three Months ended September, 1955	10,854,353	6,531,799	27,721,446	1,387,364



# COMPANIES REGISTERED

54 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,776,000 and 25 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1956. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 67 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,834,000 and 27 Foreign Companies.

## BANKRUPTCY

Item	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1956			1955		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	27	76,567	108,366	22	37,639	17,501
Deeds of Assignment (a)	17	63,206	72,150	16	99,879	106,902
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

## TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,352,400	1,048,600	2,599,600	2,104,400
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,309,836	1,280,445	2,482,022	2,411,939
Train Miles Run No.	805,753	689,492	1,551,462	1,377,335
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 105,456	(b) 118,795	(c) 184,874	(c) 211,764
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	990,238	923,467	1,965,525	1,792,547
Motor Bus No.	28,382	28,167	50,180	52,664
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	366,929	261,839	791,335	576,629
Livestock	10,329	11,453	21,712	21,666
Departmental (Free Freight)	63,180	74,695	120,291	148,278
Total:	440,438	347,987	933,338	746,573
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	60,537,048	45,684,968	130,328,126	98,603,274
Livestock	1,496,836	1,543,753	3,214,311	3,203,590
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,267,579	8,483,308	15,521,075	16,636,561
Total:	70,301,463	55,712,029	149,063,512	118,443,425

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 18th August.

(c) Period ended 18th August.

\* Figures liable to revision.

Period: 1960-1961  
Total: 100.00

Year	1960	1961	Total
1960	100.00		100.00
1961		100.00	100.00
Total	100.00	100.00	200.00

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Total	100.00	100.00	200.00

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	419	5	123
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94
May	395	173	2	47	649	434	6	63
June	274	137	2	29	491	311	5	49
July	364	173	1	39	637	376	3	63
August	546	203	1	49	933	422	8	75

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
<u>1955 -</u>								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	96,838	62,854	1,180	13,602
May	61,421	24,191	568	9,382	97,995	64,011	1,188	13,877
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
July	62,938	24,520	572	9,274	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
August	63,270	24,555	572	9,170	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Not yet available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,796	4,422	7,477	7,355	7,818	3,638	16,626	8,404
Interstate	8,328	7,324	13,294	13,147	4,653	2,876	5,504	6,033
Total:	13,124	11,746	20,771	20,502	12,471	6,514	22,130	14,437



Date	Time	Location	Weather	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Pressure	Visibility	Remarks
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10/2	10:15	102							
10/3	10:30	103							
10/4	10:45	104							
10/5	11:00	105							
10/6	11:15	106							
10/7	11:30	107							
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# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956 -										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION (Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956 -										
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786	5,116

## GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	62,205	75,055	618,642	637,602
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	971,946	1,172,735	9,666,257	9,962,535
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	-	1,242,823	1,167,711

\* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.



# RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	3063	2870	2970	2848	2680	2561	2626	2537
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3216	3070	3130	3017	2579	2502	2539	2473
Northam	3115	2928	2996	2910	2607	2511	2552	2496
Bunbury	3101	2981	3024	2927	2687	2581	2631	2550
Geraldton	3182	2990	3054	2940	2849	2702	2796	2668
Collie	3135	2987	3048	2949	2450	2374	2410	2349

## ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235	136,208	45,034	181,242
June	136,347	43,880	180,227	135,482	44,565	180,047
July	135,696	43,901	179,597	134,639	44,545	179,184
August	135,857	43,758	179,615	134,700	44,000	178,700
September	136,616	43,913	180,529			
October	136,291	43,924	180,215			
November	136,970	44,401	181,371			
December	137,537	44,536	182,073			

## INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	237
June	211	220	230	239	235
July	211	221	230	237	233
August	212	221	230	238	232
September	211	223	232	240	
October	212	224	233	240	
November	213	227	234	242	
December	213	227	233	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.





STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
29/10/56	13. 5. 2	8. 12. 4	13. 2. 11	8. 10. 11	13. 2. 8	8. 10. 9			

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	42,509	35,600	137,434	112,171
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	38,555	31,847	124,282	100,186

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
August, 1956	17,397	434	99,007	10,457
August, 1955	16,962	363	96,130	15,190
2 Months ended August, 1956	34,107	782	167,750	21,049
2 Months ended August, 1955	33,621	668	179,502	29,299

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956 -										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	487	157	210	83	697	240	4	9	237	114
May	604	173	186	78	790	251	9	9	228	109
June	537	186	193	61	730	247	11	2	225	88
July *	556	186	172	72	728	258	3	3	213	104
August	458	168	180	55	638	223	8	10	220	70
Total, 8 Months ended August	3,946	1,332	1,471	566	5,417	1,898	63	54	1,778	818

\* Revised.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	325	749	1,728	2,961
Bricks - Cement	'000	187	368	576	1,125
- Clay	'000	7,004	9,206	21,886	27,076
Enamels	gal.	6,894	10,641	18,336	27,696
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	97	205	298	601
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	19,565	20,097	49,590	49,848
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	446	899	1,369	2,639
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)19,051	(a)20,007	(b)38,195	(b)39,606
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	526	731	2,337	2,443
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	7	62	578	3,139
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	4,365	4,461	13,035	11,881
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	591	627	1,628	1,631
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	191	317	669	890
- 2 piece	no.	1,729	2,202	5,093	6,106
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,598	3,957	13,865	11,755
- Work	no.	16,874	9,684	46,995	24,665
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	29,400	30,955	94,029	87,857
Sandals	pair	28,814	19,902	59,503	36,973
Slippers	pair	31,695	33,361	103,046	89,780
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,181	1,325	3,329	3,635
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	527	571	1,585	1,706
Butter	'000 lb.	2,261	2,191	6,058	5,773
Cheese	'000 lb.	352	217	788	508
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	355	322	961	1,016
Jams	'000 lb.	52	92	195	248
Margarine	'000 lb.	128	104	447	368
Sauce - Tomato	pint	84,950	82,523	229,198	202,324
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	560	464	1,709	1,611
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	119	123	374	417
- Nitric	cwt.	54	32	162	88
- Sulphuric	ton	15,408	13,617	38,344	45,481
Coal	ton	74,480	86,058	239,039	257,698
Cycles, Pedal	no.	327	553	1,211	1,648
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	127	127	403	401
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,858	1,759	5,985	5,883
- Woven Wire	no.	1,926	964	8,132	5,723
- Soft filled	no.	2,707	3,211	8,898	10,229
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	30	62	112	183
Utilities (all types)	no.	1	26	5	62
Trailers (all types)	no.	10	18	25	57
Perambulators	no.	49	63	110	149
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,040	5,485	20,042	17,127
Superphosphate	ton	38,494	37,120	102,746	126,132
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	1,873	1,419	5,549	3,869

(a) August figures. September not available.

(b) Two months ended August.

1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972		1973		1974		1975		1976		1977		1978		1979		1980		1981		1982		1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031		2032		2033		2034		2035		2036		2037		2038		2039		2040		2041		2042		2043		2044		2045		2046		2047		2048		2049		2050		2051		2052		2053		2054		2055		2056		2057		2058		2059		2060		2061		2062		2063		2064		2065		2066		2067		2068		2069		2070		2071		2072		2073		2074		2075		2076		2077		2078		2079		2080		2081		2082		2083		2084		2085		2086		2087		2088		2089		2090		2091		2092		2093		2094		2095		2096		2097		2098		2099		2100		2101		2102		2103		2104		2105		2106		2107		2108		2109		2110		2111		2112		2113		2114		2115		2116		2117		2118		2119		2120		2121		2122		2123		2124		2125		2126		2127		2128		2129		2130		2131		2132		2133		2134		2135		2136		2137		2138		2139		2140		2141		2142		2143		2144		2145		2146		2147		2148		2149		2150		2151		2152		2153		2154		2155		2156		2157		2158		2159		2160		2161		2162		2163		2164		2165		2166		2167		2168		2169		2170		2171		2172		2173		2174		2175		2176		2177		2178		2179		2180		2181		2182		2183		2184		2185		2186		2187		2188		2189		2190		2191		2192		2193		2194		2195		2196		2197		2198		2199		2200		2201		2202		2203		2204		2205		2206		2207		2208		2209		2210		2211		2212		2213		2214		2215		2216		2217		2218		2219		2220		2221		2222		2223		2224		2225		2226		2227		2228		2229		2230		2231		2232		2233		2234		2235		2236		2237		2238		2239		2240		2241		2242		2243		2244		2245		2246		2247		2248		2249		2250		2251		2252		2253		2254		2255		2256		2257		2258		2259		2260		2261		2262		2263		2264		2265		2266		2267		2268		2269		2270		2271		2272		2273		2274		2275		2276		2277		2278		2279		2280		2281		2282		2283		2284		2285		2286		2287		2288		2289		2290		2291		2292		2293		2294		2295		2296		2297		2298		2299		2300		2301		2302		2303		2304		2305		2306		2307		2308		2309		2310		2311		2312		2313		2314		2315		2316		2317		2318		2319		2320		2321		2322		2323		2324		2325		2326		2327		2328		2329		2330		2331		2332		2333		2334		2335		2336		2337		2338		2339		2340		2341		2342		2343		2344		2345		2346		2347		2348		2349		2350		2351		2352		2353		2354		2355		2356		2357		2358		2359		2360		2361		2362		2363		2364		2365		2366		2367		2368		2369		2370		2371		2372		2373		2374		2375		2376		2377		2378		2379		2380		2381		2382		2383		2384		2385		2386		2387		2388		2389		2390		2391		2392		2393		2394		2395		2396		2397		2398		2399		2400		2401		2402		2403		2404		2405		2406		2407	
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VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(& Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
YEARS											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	55.8
QUARTERS											
March Qtr.											
1953	5.0	2.1	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	6.2	31.1	9.1
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.2
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
June Qtr.											
1953	5.3	2.1	3.5	3.3	6.7	2.5	1.4	1.3	6.3	32.4	9.8
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	12.0
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.2
Sept. Qtr.											
1953	5.4	2.2	3.5	3.3	6.1	2.4	1.5	1.5	6.8	32.7	10.4
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.5
Dec. Qtr.											
1953	5.8	2.2	3.8	4.2	7.6	2.8	2.1	1.6	8.4	38.5	11.4
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	15.8

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc. Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.



